growth of employment was negligible during this period. Because of lower productivity, excess manpower and constraint of resources, organised public sector is unable to generate higher employment growth.

Smuggling of Fake Currency Notes

260. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'high quality' fake Rs. 500/-notes worth Rs. 30 lakh were seized from a suspected aide of Dawood Ibrahim in the month of May, 2001;

(b) whether it is a fact that Capital's Indira Gandhi International Airport currently is being used for smuggling of fake currency notes into the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some senior Customs officials posted at IGI Airport are deeply involved in such smuggling activities; and

(d) what action Government have taken to prevent smuggling of fake currency notes into the country and with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) In a joint operation, Rajasthan and Delhi Police seized new counterfeit Indian Currency notes having a face value of Rs. 30 lakhs, on 14.5.2001 in Delhi.

(b) Government has not come across any incidence where that Capital's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport has been used for smuggling of fake currency notes into the country.

(c) No incidence of involvement of customs officials posted at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in such smuggling activities has come to the notice of the Government.

(d) The field formations of the Customs department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) are vigilant and alert to prevent smuggling of contraband goods, including smuggling of fake currency notes, which has resulted in detection of several cases.